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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the paragraph concerning the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya that appeared in the final communiqué of the Arab Summit held in Cairo on 22 and 23 June 1996.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

The paragraph concerning the Jamahiriya which appeared in the final communiqué of the Arab Summit

The leaders express their profound concern regarding the losses to property and human life suffered by the Libyan Arab people as a result of the harsh measures imposed on it pursuant to Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993). They consider that the lack of a response to the endeavours of the Jamahiriya, the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Organization of the Islamic Conference has considerably delayed a solution to the crisis and increased the suffering of the Libyan Arab people. The leaders are of the view that the proposal put forward by the League of Arab States - that the two suspects, provided with the necessary guarantees, should be judged equitably and independently by the Scottish judges in conformity with Scottish law, at the seat of the International Court of Justice at The Hague - which has met with widespread international support, could be a practical and appropriate solution, and would permit the crisis to be brought to a close. They therefore call upon the three Western countries to be receptive to this proposal in order to end the crisis and alleviate the unjustifiably prolonged suffering of the Libyan Arab people. The Arab leaders also request that the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya should be lifted, since if these sanctions are maintained, the Arab States may be forced to consider possible ways of avoiding further losses by the Libyan people.